



Dear U9 Parents,

I am excited to be back for my 3rd year coaching in the CPGHA

I started playing hockey at an early age and played high levels of competitive hockey and continue to play to this day. I have coached multiple sports over the past 15 years and I want to take a moment to share my coaching philosophy with you. This philosophy will guide our team's journey for the entire season. My approach centers on four key principles: Fun, Development, Safety, and Respect.

1. Fun

First and foremost, I believe that sports should be enjoyable for everyone involved. My goal is to create an environment where your child looks forward to practices and games, finds joy in participating, and cherishes the time spent with teammates. When children have fun, they are more engaged, motivated, and eager to learn!

2. Development

While winning is always a great feeling, our primary focus will be on personal and team development. Each player will have the opportunity to grow their skills, learn new techniques, and improve their understanding of the game. I will work with your child to set individual goals and encourage them to challenge themselves. The aim is to build a strong foundation that will benefit them both on and off the ice for years to come.

3. Safety

Your child's safety is my top priority. I am committed to providing a safe environment where every player can learn and compete without fear of injury or harm, both mentally and physically. I will ensure that all activities are age-appropriate and follow the necessary safety guidelines. I also want to ensure a safe space for the kids and the expectation is kindness to all their teammates, coaches and volunteers.

If any concerns arise throughout the season, please do not hesitate to reach out to me immediately via email. I am always happy to discuss your concerns in person, however I will also ask that you please follow up with an email after our conversation.

4. Respect

Respect is a core value in everything we do. I will teach and expect respect for teammates, opponents, referees, and the game itself. This includes promoting good sportsmanship, encouraging positive communication, and fostering a team culture where everyone feels valued and supported. Respect goes beyond the ice and is something I hope each player will carry with them in all aspects of life. The above will be expected from all parents, as they are required to set an example for the entire team at all times.

I look forward to getting to know you all and working with your children to make this season a positive and rewarding experience for everyone. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Together, we can ensure that our team has a season filled with fun, growth, safety, and respect.

Thank you for your support,

Coach Stu Robinson
U9B Head Coach